

Do you have any questions about the court's orders or what is going to take place in the future?

B. [§103.64] Script: Findings and Orders—In General

(1) Introduction

The court has read and considered [*name the documents, e.g., the social worker's report dated _____, and attached documents or whatever the local nomenclature is*].

[*If applicable*]

The court has also considered the testimony of the witnesses and their demeanor on the stand as well as the arguments of counsel.

(2) Parties

[*As to each man who claims to be (or is alleged by others to be) the father, the court may make a finding as to whether he is a biological or presumed father (or not a father at all) after holding a hearing on the issue.*]

The court finds that the legal status of [*name*] is [*status of father, e.g., presumed father*].

[*If de facto parent status is sought*]

The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that [*name*] should be accorded the status of de facto parent because of the following: [*state reasons*].

[*Or*]

The court does not find by a preponderance of the evidence that [*name*] should be accorded the status of de facto parent. The facts underlying this finding are: [*state facts*].

[*Optional*]

Therefore, [*name*] may not participate in future hearings.

(3) When child has not been removed

The court finds that the following conditions that justified assumption of jurisdiction under section 300 no longer exist: [*state conditions*]. Moreover, withdrawal of supervision would not cause those conditions to rearise. Therefore, jurisdiction is terminated.

[Or]

The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the following conditions that justified assumption of jurisdiction under section 300 still exist: *[state conditions]*.

[And/Or]

The court *[further]* finds that withdrawal of supervision would cause those conditions to rearise. Therefore, jurisdiction is retained and a further review hearing is scheduled for *[date]*.

These additional services are ordered to alleviate these conditions:

[List services and the conditions they are intended to address.]

C. [§103.65] Script: Findings and Orders—Six-Month Review

(1) Return of child

The court orders that custody of *[name of child]* is returned to *[parent/guardian/other former custodian]*.

[Or]

The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that returning the child home would create a substantial risk of harm to the child's *[physical health/emotional well-being]* because *[state reasons]*. Therefore, *[name of child]* may not be returned home at this time.

(2) Finding under [Welf & I C §366.21\(e\)](#); [Cal Rules of Ct 1460\(e\)\(2\)](#); [42 USC §675\(5\)\(B\)](#).

The court finds that the placement *[continues to be/is no longer]* necessary because *[state reasons]* and is *[no longer]* appropriate to this child because *[state reasons]*. *[[Name of parent or guardian] shall therefore have custody of the child effective [date].]*

(3) Reunification services ([Welf & I C §366.21\(e\)](#))

The court further finds that:

[Add as applicable]

DSS and *[parents/guardians/other]* have participated regularly and made substantive progress in court-ordered treatment programs.

[Or]